

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:00 P.M., Monday, February 11, 2008  
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847  
San José, CA 95113

**MINUTES**

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Charlie Payne  
Luis Mendez  
Jim Bell  
Jill Escher  
Deb Lefferts (for Corinne Winter)  
Yolanda Reynolds  
Don Barnett  
Aye Green (Bob Halem)  
Marylou Avanzino  
Lawrence DeSantis  
Lane Parker

Council Liaison

Councilmember Oliverio

Guests

Nicolas Rice-Sanchez  
Frances Ruiz  
Richard Silva  
John Graff  
Lauren Buckland  
Logan Hopper  
George (?)  
Martin Delson

City Staff

Dionne Early, Environmental Services  
John Brazil, DOT

2. **Approve Order of Business** – Approved.
3. **Oral Petitions** – David Hoag thanked the City of San José for fixing the westbound Tully Road at Hwy 101 striping. He also thanked the City's Trail Program for responding to his inquiries about sponsoring a city trail for cleanup and maintenance.
4. **Approve Minutes of January 14, 2007** – Deferred to March 2007 BPAC meeting.
5. **New Business**  
Mr. Brazil reported that staff from the Watershed Protection Program in the City's Environmental Services Department asked to provide BPAC a report on proposed changes to regional stormwater permitting rules. Because the opportunity for public comment would close before the next BPAC meeting, Mendez moved and Avanzino seconded a motion to add this informational item to the agenda. The motion passed 10-0-0. This subject was added as an additional New Business item.
- a. **Regional Water Quality Control Proposed Regulations** – Mr. Brazil introduced Dionne Early from the City's Watershed Protection Program. Ms. Early explained that the

Regional Water Quality Control Board regulates water quality by regulating stormwater runoff. One element of stormwater regulation addresses stormwater created by new development. While new developments generally must control stormwater runoff, new bike lanes and trails have historically been exempt from this regulation. (Unlike new roads, new bike lanes and trails do not create new motor vehicle trips that cause pollution.) This new requirement (called “provision C.3”) will significantly increase the cost of biking and walking facilities. For example, the per-mile cost for new trails could increase by \$1m. Ms. Early encouraged members to provide comments to the RWQCB ([mrp@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mrp@waterboards.ca.gov)) before the February 29, 2008 deadline.

**b. Status Report: Updates to Pedestrian and ADA Sidewalk Transition Plans –** Mr. Brazil introduced consultants Lauren Buckland and Logan Hopper to provide the third status report to BPAC on the updates of the city’s Pedestrian Plan and ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan. Ms. Buckland reminded BPAC that it had received previous reports on January 8, 2007 and September 10, 2007. Ms. Buckland and Mr. Hopper provided an overview of the scope, timeline, and budget for these updates. They then summarized the pre-final drafts and recommendations. They distributed copies of the pre-final summaries and requested input and feedback within two weeks.

**c. Committee Priorities for 2008 –** Mr. Brazil noted that BPAC traditionally sets three to four goals each year. Historically, this has been done at the beginning of each calendar year. However, because the City operates on a fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and the BPAC bylaws follow use a fiscal year, Mr. Brazil suggested the priorities should be formally set at the July meeting. Meanwhile BPAC can begin informally discussing concepts for priorities.

Ms. Escher asked about standard specifications for sidewalks. Mr. Brazil will provide links to existing city standards that have been updated over the last few years. Ms. Escher also expressed an interest in receiving more and early info on proposed big developments. Mr. Bell asked about walking maps. Mr. Brazil referred him to existing walking maps produced by the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. He also suggested signage to bike parking. Chair Parker suggested painted pedestrian routes. He also noted two walking organizations: America Walks and American Volkssport Association. Councilmember Oliverio noted that a new state law allows cities to reduce speed limits below 25mph in school areas on streets with 2 or fewer lanes. Ms. Avanzino suggested the city should require private developers to make more pedestrian facility improvements. She also suggested that BPAC receive reports on San Jose Redevelopment Agency projects and programs. Mr. Parker reminded BPAC of his offer to lead a ride along the soon-to-be complete Cross-town Signed Bikeway pilot project. (Guest Jon Graff also offered to lead a ride.) Ms. Avanzino suggested BPAC focus on improving bike parking standards for new development. She also suggested adding VTA BPAC updates to the agenda.

Guests provided the following suggestions. Mr. Graff suggested BPAC pursue the President’s Physical Fitness Award. Mr. Delson “share the road” signs on narrow roads; a media campaign encouraging riding with traffic on the right side; bike friendly signal detection; and restriping of existing bikeways.

## **6. Old Business**

**a. 2008 Bike to Work Day –** Mr. Brazil reported that 2008 Bike to Work Day (BTWD) will take place on May 15, 2008. He reviewed City activities on BTWD including operating an

Energizer Station at MLK Library and the Mayors-VIP Bike Ride. He encouraged BPAC to think about how committee members would like to get involved in for 2008. This item regularly appear on the BPAC agenda through May 2008.

**b. Crosstown Signed Bikeway Pilot Project** – Mr. Brazil reported that this project is nearly complete. BPAC members requested a ribbon-cutting event to which City VIP and media would be invited. Mr. Brazil will look into this and report back.

**c. Wrong-Way Signage Pilot Project** – Mr. Brazil reported that this project is scheduled for completion this fiscal year. Staff will recommend a corridor for installation. The committee will continue to receive updates until the project is complete.

**d. Bike Friendly Signal Detection** – The Bike/Ped Program has authorization to implement a pilot project at up to 25 locations. Mr. Brazil is seeking resources to conduct field investigation and coordinate implementation. BPAC can submit any suggested locations to Mr. Brazil. Mr. deSantis suggested Ryland at Coleman.

**e. Bike Lane Projects** – Mr. Brazil reported that the Bike/Ped Program is considering the installation of bike lanes on several street segments with a goal of closing existing bikeway gaps. Mr. Brazil will be meeting with staff to determine which projects are feasible, at which time he'll report back to BPAC.

**f. Amgen Tour of California & San Jose Cycling Classic** – The City of San José will again host a stage finish in the Amgen Tour of California (ATOC). Stage 3 on February 20, 2008 will finish at City Hall. The event is open to the public and will include a Life Style Festival with several booths. The Bike/Ped Program has hired Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to provide free Bike Valet parking at this event. San Jose is also once again co-hosting the Webcor King of the Mountain Ride on Saturday, February 16, 2008. This ride is open to the public, and proceeds benefit the Fit for Learning program in Santa Clara County. Mr. Parker and Mr. Brazil will be co-leading an informal ride Sunday, February 17, 2008 to the Amgen Tour of California Prologue at Stanford University. Anyone interested in joining them for the ride should meet at San Jose City Hall at 11am. Finally, the proposed San Jose Cycling Classic weekend of bicycle races and activity has been postponed from 2008 to 2009.

7. **Staff Report** – No additional comments.

8. **Committee Member Comments** – Mr. Parker provided a brief update on activities of the Valley Transportation Authority's BPAC.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6pm, March 10, 2008.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7.40 PM.